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SUBJ: REPORTED FRENCH-SOVIET OIL DEAL

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1. REPORTS MENTIONED REFTEL OF FRENCH-SOVIET OIL AGREEMENT CONCLUDED DURING FRENCH PRESIDENT VISIT TO MOSCOW PROBABLY REFER TO 5-YEAR AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN ENERGY SIGNED BY FRENCH MINISTER OF INDUSTRY D'ORNANO AND V.A. KIRILLIN, CHAIRMAN OF USSR STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

2. NEW AGREEMENT SPECIFIES FOLLOWING AREAS FOR COOPERATION: ELECTRICAL ENERGY, INCLUDING ATOMIC ENERGY; MACHINE BUILDING FOR TYPES OF ENERGY; MINERAL ENERGY RESOURCES, INCLUDING OIL, GAS, SHALE, AND COAL; NEW SOURCES OF ENERGY; AND RATIONAL USE OF ENERGY RESOURCES. METHODS FOR IMPLEMENTATION INCLUDE: EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC DOCUMENTATION, SPECIALISTS, AND INFORMATION ON NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAMS; MUTUAL SYMPOSIA AND JOINT RESEARCH AND TESTING; INDUSTRIAL

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COOPERATION; AND DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT PROJECTS TO

IMPROVE ENERGY SUPPLY IN BOTH COUNTRIES. OVERALL
RESPONSIBILITY FOR AGREEMENT IS VESTED IN PERMANENT
FRENCH-SOVIET MIXED COMMISSION.

3. COMMENT - EMBASSY IS UNAWARE OF ANY ADDITIONAL
AGREEMENT ON OIL ALONE BUT WILL BE CHECKING WITH
FRENCH EMBASSY HERE. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT ACCORDING
TO SOVIET TRADE STATISTICS, USSR OIL EXPORTS TO FRANCE
FELL FROM APPROXIMATELY 5.3 MILLION TONS IN 1973 TO
1.4 MILLION TONS IN 1974. NEW ENERGY AGREEMENT SEEMS
TO BE SIMILAR TO MANY OTHER COOPERATION AGREEMENTS
SIGNED BY USSR IN THAT IT DESIGNATES AREAS AND MEANS
FOR COOPERATION BUT LEAVE SPECIFIC PROJECTS TO BE
AGREED UPON IN SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS.
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